

Town of La Pointe Special Town Board Meeting 2014 Budget Workshop

**Wednesday, October 16th, 2013
5:00 pm at the Town Hall**

Approved Minutes (10-22-13)

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry

Staff Present: Pete Clark, Ted Pallas, Lisa Potswald

Town Plan Commission Member present: Margie Denton

Public Present: Dave Thomas

1. Call to order at 5:00pm

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

Presented by Ted Pallas, MRF Supervisor. The increase for 2014 is almost entirely due to increased wages for Carey Baxter (4.6%) and hauling costs. Ferry fees may be increasing up to 5%. Supervisor Pallas wants to begin to keep better track of what is coming in from the Parks, as there is a lot of mixed waste, things that could be recycled that are not. Budget in Haz Materials may go up next year because all of the aerosol and paint must go. Aluminum will be hauled with plastics, and may even be stored at Chicago Iron (for a fee) until the price goes up to sell it. Fee schedule for Materials Recovery are staying the same except will be charging for individual 55gal bags. MRF will also be enforcing the \$5.00 garbage bag fee more due to fuller/ larger bags coming in. 2013's budget was over due to unexpected compactor issues.

B. Town Plan Commission

Presented by Lisa Potswald, Planning and Zoning Administrator. 2013 budget is well under budget (saved about 20%) because of decreased wages due to not hiring an assistant, and because Administrator Potswald does not take Town insurance. A change for 2014 will be to include at least \$9,000.00 for replacement/ updating of Fire Number signage to meet federal retroreflectivity (which will be required by 2017). The total amount for the project will about \$27,000, and it is questionable whether it will all go into the 2014 budget or just the \$9,000. The new signs will be red, reflective, double sided, and perpendicular to the road. Both public and private roads will need to be redone. Other changes include; the Zoning vehicle will now become a Town vehicle. It will remain in Zoning budget, and as other departments use it, they will be billed accordingly. And the new printer/ copier will be coded so billing will go to the different

departments. Thus Zoning budget does not have an amount, because it is unknown how much will be spent.

A major concern is that Ashland County will only budget the department \$5,000 in 2014, down from \$15,000 in 2013. It has been dropped because of the number of permits issued is down. The other \$10,000 will go to Law Enforcement.

3. Adjourn MC/JP 5A Motion Carried. 5:45pm

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk. 10-17-13.

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